

**Freedman, Andrew**

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**From:** Freedman, Andrew  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 11:23 AM  
**To:** Scott Smullen - NOAA Federal  
**Subject:** RE: Going for a record number of emails to you lately...

Thanks much!

Best,  
-Andrew

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**From:** Scott Smullen - NOAA Federal <[scott.smullen@noaa.gov](mailto:scott.smullen@noaa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 11:20 AM  
**To:** Freedman, Andrew <[Andrew.Freedman@washpost.com](mailto:Andrew.Freedman@washpost.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Going for a record number of emails to you lately...

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I can't answer that question, but I am told this is the person who can. -s

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On Tue, Sep 10, 2019 at 8:10 AM Freedman, Andrew <[Andrew.Freedman@washpost.com](mailto:Andrew.Freedman@washpost.com)> wrote:

Hi Scott,

Good morning. Trying to confirm the existence of a DOC IG investigation. Have you been asked to preserve your email records concerning the Birmingham tweet and follow-up, including anything pertaining to the Friday stmt? This is on background.

DOC is denying the NYT's reporting, but I know those reporters and haven't found them to mess up much if at all. Trying to figure out who among NOAA politicals or DOC folks to get to to confirm Sec. Ross' directive.

In the meantime, will be reporting on Neil's speech this morning. He's in a really tough spot, kinda empathize with him, I have to say.

Ok, any info you can provide via email/phone/Signal/carrier pigeon would be appreciated. Am under a lot of pressure here to keep moving this reporting forward.

And when we do get a drink, let's keep it mostly a non-work convo.

All the best,  
-Andrew

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